

**Game: Christmas Pictionary (play as a family)**

Choose one person to draw a picture of something related to Christmas-Father Christmas, Present, Christmas stocking, Manger, Star etc and other people must guess what they think has been drawn.

**Quiz: Reason to travel**

Below is a list of places to travel. You need to come up with the reason why people would travel to that place. Write or draw the places on a piece of paper-school, hospital, library, supermarket, swimming pool, cinema, bowling alley, restaurant. Write next to them the reason people visit those places. Every journey is made for a reason, even if it is just for fun, or to relax, there will still be a reason behind it. In the same way with the journeys we read about in the Bible that are part of the Christian Christmas story, they are all made for a reason.

**Watch: The Story of Christmas (Jesus and the Wise men )**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk1LhngROCM>

**Story: The Journey**

What is the longest distance you have travelled? Where would you like to visit in the future? When we go on holiday most of us will take the car or fly. In the Bible times the only way for most people to travel was on foot or on a horse or donkey. Imagine no cars, no coaches, no airplanes. In the Christmas story there were a lot of people who had to make journeys. Can you name the people who travelled?

To discover more about the journey the Magi or Wise men went on to find Jesus, read Matthew 2:1-12, found in the second half of the Bible.

The wise men's journey would have taken them more than a year travelling across deserts, rivers, mountains, forests, possibly towns. Would want to do that journey? For a whole year? Why did the wise men do it? They did it because it was so important for them to come and see Jesus. They really, really wanted to worship him.

The shepherds also went on a journey. It was important for them to see Jesus. They wanted to see the baby and worship him themselves. We have the chance to worship Jesus every day. - we have to talk to Jesus ourselves; someone else can't do it for us!

Have a look at the map and see the journey's different people made to see Jesus and worship him.  
<https://www.biblestudy.org/maps/the-journeys-of-mary-and-joseph.html>

**Craft: Map**

Make a map to show one of the journeys in today's story - Mary and Joseph's, the wise men or the shepherds or even one of your own. When you are happy with your map you can paint across it with a used tea bag to make it look old, and tear the edges a little too.

**Response & Prayer:**

Both Mary and Joseph had their doubts along the way, but did as God asked. We always have a choice; God will never force us to do anything. Draw round your feet and write your name inside the foot outlines. Pray asking God to help you as you continue on the journey of life.